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## **PRESS RELEASE**

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 3/8/02, 1745 HOURS  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 3/8/02, 1332 HOURS  
NATURE OF CALL: AVALANCHE/DEATH INVESTIGATION  
LOCATION OF CALL: 750 MULE EARS DR., NORDEN  
SUGAR BOWL SKI AREA  
  
CASE NUMBER: SO02-3854

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Three snowboarders hiked up to an area at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort to view Mt. Judas. The ledge they were standing on gave way, and one of the snowboarders was taken down the mountain and buried in 3 feet of snow. Sugar Bowl Search and Rescue personnel and 3 search dogs attempted to find the victim. Approximately 45 minutes later, the victim was located. He was life flighted to Tahoe Forest Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Nevada County Sheriff's Coroner's Division is handling the death investigation. Placer County Sheriff's Department was involved in the search, rescue and recovery. The victim's name is being withheld until the decedent's family can be notified. Nevada County Sheriff's Office will be providing the decedent's name when his family is notified.

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**RELEASED BY SGT. BRIAN WHIGAM**

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